

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Centre County; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and

WHEREAS, Centre County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

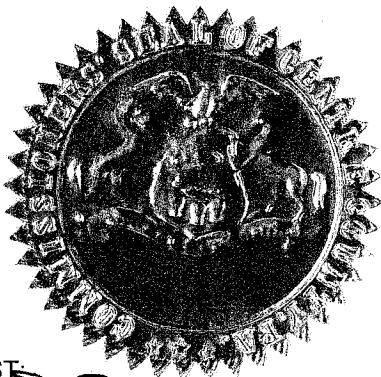
WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

WHEREAS, all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as "Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month" and urges all citizens to observe this month with their involvement in programs and activities that help prevent child abuse and provide for children's physical, emotional, and developmental needs.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of April, 2013



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